



Greystone

Baptist Church

Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost
All Saints Sunday
October 31, 2021

*All are invited to sing during the congregational songs in worship!
We ask that you **please wear a mask at all times while indoors** out of an abundance of caution
and out of respect for the health and safety of all people joining us for worship.*

Prelude

"How Can I Keep From Singing"
GBC Handbell Choir

Traditional, arr. Howard Helvey

Welcome

April Alston

† All Saints Litany

Chrissy Tatum Williamson, Steve Rose,
April Alston, Anna Beth Cross, Christian McIvor

One: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all!

All: And also with you!

One: Lord God, by your grace, we are running a race.

All: We are surrounded by a cloud of witnesses--

One: Patriarchs and matriarchs, prophets and psalmists, disciples and evangelists, martyrs and saints.

All: We thank you for their example. We praise you for their lives of faith. For all your saints, O Lord, who strove in you to live, who followed, obeyed, adored you.

One: Lord God, by your grace we are running a race.

All: We are surrounded by a cloud of witnesses--

One: Loved ones now resting in you, who guided us, nurtured and cared for us; ancestors who worked and traveled, lived and died that we might be who we are, where we are-- your precious children in this community of believers.

All: We thank you for their example. We praise you for their lives of faith. For all your saints, O Lord, who strove in you to die, who counted you their great reward - accept our thankful cry.

One: Lord God, by your grace we are running a race.

All: We are surrounded by a cloud of witnesses--

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One: Members of this congregation,

Caralie Brown
Betty Cornwell
Lib Daniels
Vercie Eller

Sallie Greene
Evelyn Harper
Chris Lannom
Pauline Noble
Monaei Perry

Wayne Smith
Darrell Staley
Eileen Trawick
Christopher Washington

friends who helped, guided and uplifted us-- children of your family, sheep of your fold, sinners of your redeeming.

All: We thank you for their example. We praise you for their lives of faith. For this, your name we bless, and humbly pray anew, that we like them in holiness may live and die in you.

One: Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely,

All: And let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us,

One: Looking to Christ, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith.

All: Amen.

† Opening Song

“For All the Saints”

SINE NOMINE;
Words by William Walsham How,
Music by Ralph Vaughan Williams

For All the Saints

**For all the saints who from their labors rest,
who thee by faith before the world confessed,
thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;
thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;
thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light.
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**O blest communion, fellowship divine!
We feebly struggle; they in glory shine;
yet all are one in thee, for all are thine.
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Children's Moment

April Alston

Prayers of the People

Steve Wheeler

Scripture Reading

Revelation 21:1-7

Bill Baxley

Sermon

“A New Heaven and a New Earth”

Chrissy Tatum Williamson

Silent Reflection

Musical Reflection

“In Endless Song”
GBC Adult Choir

arr. Joseph M. Martin

My life flows on in endless song above earth’s lamentation,
I hear the sweet, though far-off hymn that hails the new creation.
Through all the tumult and the strife, I hear the music ringing.
It finds an echo in my soul. How can I keep from singing?

What though my joys and comforts die? My Savior still is living.
What though the shadows gathered round? A new song Christ is giving.
No storm can shake my inmost calm, while to that Rock I’m clinging.
Since Christ is Lord of heav’n and earth, how can I keep from singing?

I lift my eyes. The cloud grows thin. I see the blue above it;
And day by day this pathway smooths, since first I learned to love it.
The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a fountain ever springing.
All things are mine since I am His. How can I keep from singing?

When we’ve been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun;
We’ve no less days to sing God’s praise, than when we’ve first begun.
Amazing grace shall be my theme forever in me ringing.
Since Christ is Lord of heav’n and earth how can I keep from singing?

How can I keep from singing?

A Time of Response

Chrissy Tatum Williamson

† Hymn of Response

“O Love that Will Not Let Me Go”

Words by George Matheson,
Music by Christopher Miner

**O Love that will not let me go,
I rest my weary soul in thee;
I give thee back the life I owe,
That in thine ocean depths its flow
May richer, fuller be.**

**O light that followest all my way,
I yield my flickering torch to thee;
My heart restores its borrowed ray,
That in thy sunshine’s blaze its day
May brighter, fairer be.**

**O Joy that seekest me through pain,
I cannot close my heart to thee;
I trace the rainbow through the rain,
And feel the promise is not vain,
That morn shall tearless be.**

**O Love that will not let me go,
I rest my weary soul in thee;
I give thee back the life I owe,
That in thine ocean depths its flow
May richer, fuller be.**

‡ **Doxology**

“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”

O WYLY WYLY;
Words by Neil Weatherhogg,
Music: English Folk Melody

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise Christ, all people here below;
praise Holy Spirit evermore;
praise Triune God, whom we adore.**

Celebrating Community

Anna Beth Cross

Benediction

Chrissy Tatum Williamson

Postlude

“Earth: Beloved Community”
Christian McIvor

Words and Music
by Christian McIvor ©2018

Through seasons of drought and seasons of rain
Will we be weakened, or will we sustain?
We will reap just what we sow.

As the heavens drip and the gardens sprout,
The mountains quake and the stones cry out.
Let your rivers of justice flow.

Chorus:

We will treat every neighbor with love and with grace
As we share the same journey through time and through space;
We will care for our planet from the land to the sea,
Connected in creation’s unity, here on
Earth: beloved community.

As the storms, they surge, and the temperatures rise,
And the people in power believe their own lies,
We’ll stay rooted in the vine.

Our love will not fail, compassion won’t cease,
Interconnected as agents of peace,
As our hearts, in you, align.

(Chorus 2x)

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*With Christ as the Cornerstone, we will build a church of living stones, where every member
is a minister and is equipped to express God’s love by word and deed to all people.*

Based on 1 Peter 2:5, 6

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